

MINUTES
of the
123rd Annual Session
of the
TENNESSEE RIVER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will Baptists

Convened with
New Pleasant Grove Church

Friday, September 14, 2001

The next association will convene with
Piney Grove Church
on Friday before the third Sunday
September 13, 2002, at 10:30 A.M.

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All matters shall be brought before and considered by the executive committee before being presented to the presbytery. The committee will consist of five members.

Bro. Joe Hanback (2006) Rev. Vernon Gober (Chairman) (2003)
Rev. Charles Linam (2005) Rev. Jimmy Shields (2002)
Rev. Dalton Skaggs (2004)

REVIEW COMMITTEE

(all members elected each year - maximum of 2 consecutive years)

This committee is to review the character and testimony of the ministers with a lifetime card each year.

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Rev. R. T. Berry	10
Rev. Elton Cotner	39
Rev. Vernon Creasy	9
Rev. Lige Dickey	44
Rev. Boss G. Gibson	4
Rev. B. A. Hale	20
Rev. Don Hanback	1
Rev. J. B. Harper	60
Rev. Clarence Harris	5
Rev. R. A. Johnson	35
Rev. W.C. Jones	Unknown
Rev. J. B. McGee	18
Rev. L. L. Moore	22
Rev. J. A. Moyer	26
Rev. R. P. Owen	14
Rev. J. Whitfield Phillips	42
Rev. Walker Rich	13
Rev. H. M. Richardson	12
Rev. Earnest Robertson	9
Rev. Dewey Stults	11
Rev. J. J. Tune	Unknown
Rev. Eargin Warren	18
Rev. J. B. Webb	Unknown
Rev. Nick White	43
Rev. L. L. Wilson	43

PLACING OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

September 2001	Solitude
December 2001	Scotts Chapel
March 2002	New Chapel
June 2002	Midway

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PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

10:30 AM

Opening song led by	Bro. Ronald Brown
Prayer by	Bro. Lem Hanback
	followed by an altar prayer
Representing the Tn State Association	Dr. Charles Thigpen
Welcome by	Rev. Paul Childers
Message by	Rev. Vernon Gober
Scripture	Exodus 12:8-11, Matthew 26:26
Subject	Feeding upon the Lamb
Dismissed by	Rev. Marvin Morrow

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 PM

Song Led by	Rev. Marvin Morrow
Scripture Read by	Rev. Paul Childers
Scripture	2 Chronicles 7:12-16
Prayer by	Rev. Charles Linam
Representing Tn Family Ministries	Dr. Charles Thigpen

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

(Appointed each year)

Reading Clerks	Rev. Marvin Morrow, Rev. Keith Montgomery
Finance	Bro. Lem Hanback, Bro. Robert Jarrett, Bro. Robert Berry
Sunday School	Bro. J.W. Stooksberry, Bro. Joe Hanback, Bro. Jerry Risner
Obituary	Sis. Lucille Pickens, Sis. Susie Hubbard, Sis. Helen Scott
Program	Rev. Jimmy Shields, Bro. Monroe Hubbard, Bro. Charles Taylor

CALLED FOR CHURCH LETTERS **AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES**

Adamsville

Bro. Virgil Nixon, Bro. Robert Jarrett

Bumpus Creek

Sis. Diane Holcombe, Sis. Edna Hinton

Meeks Grove

Bro. Jerry Whitten, Bro. Ray Milford

Midway

By Letter

Murphy's Chapel

By Letter

New Chapel

Bro. Stephen Lee, Sis. Bridgett Lee, Bro. Jimbo Dickerson

New Pleasant Grove

Bro. Monroe Hubbard, Sis. Susie Hubbard

Piney Grove

Bro. Lem Hanback, Bro. Randy Bratton, Bro. Jay Sandusky

Plummer's Chapel

Bro. Pete Pickens, Sis. Lucille Pickens

Scotts Chapel

Bro. Roy Bowers, Bro. Jerry Risner, Bro. Curtis Pigg

Shady Grove

Bro. Buddy Melson, Bro. Robert Franks, Bro. Carl Hughes

Solitude

Bro. Alan Gober, Sis. Willodean Harville, Sis. Helen Scott

Whites Creek

Boyd Stricklin

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

(appointed each year)

General Business Rev. Paul Childers, Rev. Vernon Gober,
Rev. Carl Creasy, Bro. Alan Gober, Rev. Charles Linam, Rev. V.H. Gean
Education Bro. Jimbo Dickerson, Bro. Roy Bowers, Bro. Robert Wright
Temperance Bro. Jerry Whitten, Bro. Chad Balentine, Bro. Pete Pickens
Benevolence Rev. Dalton Skaggs, Bro. Boyd Stricklin, Bro. Ray Milford
Resolution of Thanks .. Sis. Wilidean Harville, Sis. Bridgett Lee, Sis. Diane Holcombe

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

6:30 PM

Song Led by Rev. Jimmy Shields
Prayer by Bro. Darrell West
1st Message by Rev. Edward Smith
Scripture John 4:6
Subject A Journey from Earth to Glory
2nd Message by Rev. Keith Montgomery
Scripture 1 Corinthians 5:1, Joshua 6:18, 7:10-12, Revelation 3:8-12
Subject Dealing with Sin in our Church
Dismissed by Bro. L.D. Irvin

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

9:00 AM

Song Led by Bro. Lem Hanback
Scripture Read by Bro. Steve Holcombe
Scripture Psalm 46
Prayer Rev. Marvin Morrow

GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

We your committee on general business recommends the committee be composed of five members.

We recommend that each church send \$200.00 to the Home Missions Board each year. We recommend it be sent by the first of January.

We recommend that each church send the State and National dues of \$60.00 to the Association with their letter each year.

We recommend that the deacons remind the churches, according to Acts 6:3, we feel it is their duty to make sure the financial needs of their church and the Association are met.

We recommend each church give prayerful thought to the support of the work of the Lord carried on by the Association.

We recommend all our Ministers pay a tenth of the money received from ministerial work to the Home Missions Board by the 30th of August of each year.

We recommend each church call its pastor at least thirty days before the Association meets. We recommend church conferences use secret ballots to elect or reelect nominees for a pastor.

We recommend the officers of the Fifth Sunday meetings be elected and the Fifth Sunday meeting places be selected at the last Fifth Sunday meeting before the Associational meeting. We recommend that said officers be elected for a one year term.

We recommend the Associational Clerk, Home Missions Treasurer, and Fifth Sunday Clerk each be paid \$200.00 per year from the Home Missions Treasury.

We recommend preachers and deacons come to the Associational meetings.

We recommend directions to the host church of the Association remain in the minutes each year.

We recommend that any church desiring to borrow money for any additions or improvements, petitions the trustees for up to \$15,000.00, and if approved, to be granted the money within 14 days of the petition. This money is to be repaid within one year without interest.

We recommend that the Association continue its work with the youth and continue the quarterly youth meetings.

We recommend that each church include the name and address of the youth director in their letter each year.

We recommend the names of all ministers and deacons present at each presbytery meeting be shown in the minutes.

We recommend that each church take up a special offering on the last Sunday in November, to be sent to the Home Missions Board, for the benefit of National Home Missions.

We recommend that each church take up a special offering on the last Sunday in April, to be sent to the Home Missions Board, for the benefit of National Foreign Missions,

Bro. Alan R. Gober, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School wishes to submit the following.

We have heard from 13 churches which have a present enrollment of 795 in Sunday School, with an average attendance of 689.

We recommend that each church have Sunday School regularly. We also recommend that all teachers be devout Christians, sound in faith and able to teach with good leadership.

We recommend that parents carry their children to Sunday School that they may learn more of God's love for mankind.

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that all Sunday School Superintendents take an active role in overseeing Sunday School activities and make recommendations that will encourage strong leadership qualities in Sunday School teachers and enhance the attendance of Sunday School members.

We recommend that all churches provide up to date study/teaching materials for all age classes. We also encourage Sunday School Superintendents in the Association to meet and discuss methods of teaching and activities of the churches and methods of problem solving. We recommend that the meeting be held quarterly for these sessions.

We recommend that all visitors be made to feel welcome and made to feel that their being with us had made the service better and ask them to come again.

We should pray more and show more love one for another asking God for wisdom and patience to teach our children God's ways.

Bro. Joe Hanback, Chairman

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on education, find the definition of education to mean "an act or process of learning by instruction, training, or example." Proverbs 4:1-4 says: *Hear ye children, the instruction of a Father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. For I was my Father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also and said unto me, let thine heart retain my words. Keep my commandments and live.*

We recommend that Christian families have daily Bible study and prayer with their children. We also recommend that our young people, and others, desiring further education, attend the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. We should strive to learn more about our Lord. According to Proverbs 22:6: *Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Ephesians 6:1-6: *Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. And ye Father, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.* James 1:5: *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.*

We recommend that parents cooperate with schools as long as it is not against the teaching of the Bible. Christian parents should stand against that which is evil.

We recommend our churches use the King James version of the Bible and Free Will Baptist literature. We recommend our churches have Bible study and prayer meeting weekly, and establish and maintain a Youth Training Program along with a yearly Vacation Bible School.

We also recommend our churches conduct a Singing School once per year that we might better learn to praise the Lord in song. Ephesians 5:19 *Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*

Bro. Roy Bowers, Chairman

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We your committee on temperance in regard to strong drink, whiskey, drugs or any other thing harmful to the body to mean total abstinence from these things. We believe this is to condemn the voting for or sanctioning the sale of alcoholic beverages. Once a word is spoken, it cannot be unsaid.

We as Christians should remember that being temperate is not only moderation, but also abstinence from all things displeasing to the Lord.

We find that in I Cor. 9:25 *And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.* Therefore to please God we must be temperate in all walks of life.

Prov. 20:1 says, *Wine is mockery, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived is not wise.*

Ep. 5:8 says, *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the spirit.*

Titus 2:2 says, *That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.*

2 Peter 1:5-8: *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 3:10 says, *For he that will love life, and see good days let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no gile.*

James says in chapter 3:8, *but the tongue can no man tame, it is an unruly evil full of deadly poison.*

Temperance - The virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites. Taken from the New Ungers Bible Dictionary.

Rev. Chad Balentine, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

Bumpus Creek Bro. Vernon Curry, Sis. Lois Scott, Sis. Della Scott
Meeks Grove Bro. Paul Hurley, Bro.. Louis Door, Sis. Mable Kinser
Midway Sis. Grace Pace, Sis. Annie Lee Weeks, Sis. Sherry McGuire
Piney Grove Sis. Gladys Balentine
Scotts Chapel Sis. Brenda Berry, Bro. Raymond Joe Wood
Solitude Bro. Jamie Wicker, Sis. Vergie Benson
Whites Creek Bro. Earl Morris, Sis. Janie White

Sis. Susie Hubbard, Chairperson

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We, the people of the Benevolence Committee, finding that benevolence means a willingness to do good, promote brotherly love, and to be kind to others. We feel that the pastors and church members as a whole body should visit the sick of the church and the people of the church community. We recommend each pastor coming into a new church at the beginning of a new year visit the community surrounding the church. We feel the need to instill the following verses into the hearts of all those, who read, believe and obey the Word of God.

As Christians we find in Colossians 3:13 the following *Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you so also do ye.* Matthew 6:15 says, *But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses.* Matthew 5:43 says *Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of them turn not thou away.* In Acts 20:35 Paul says, *I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than receive.*

Then for our homes and family, I Corinthians 7:3 says, *Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence; and likewise also the wife to the husband.*

And remember the most important things. I Corinthians 13:13 says *...and now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three, But the greatest of these is Charity.*

Rev. Dalton Skaggs, Chairman

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK'S REPORT

1999 Balance left in treasury	\$ 2,075.87
Minute fund receipts for 2000	\$591.50
Interest	<u>\$23.98</u>
Total	\$ 2,691.35
Expenses for printing minutes for 2000	<u>\$520.00</u>
Balance as of August 31, 2001	\$ 2,171.35

Bro. Darrell West, Associational Clerk

FINANCE REPORT FOR MINUTE FUND

Adamsville	\$ 50.00
Bumpus Creek	50.00
Meeks Grove	50.00
Midway	50.00
Murphy's Chapel	25.00
New Chapel	50.00
New Pleasant Grove	50.00
Piney Grove	50.00
Plummer's Chapel	25.00
Scotts Chapel	50.00
Shady Grove	50.00
Solitude	25.00
Whites Creek	<u>50.00</u>
	\$ 575.00

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT
RECEIPTS 2000-2001

Children's Home

Adamsville	\$ 500.00
Meeks Grove	500.00
Midway	400.00
New Chapel	773.00
Plummers Chapel	824.00
Piney Grove	4,263.00
Scotts Chapel	1,631.35
Shady Grove	300.00
White's Creek	<u>250.00</u>
	\$9,441.35

Home Missions

Adamsville	\$ 150.00
Bumpus Creek	150.00
Meek's Grove	100.00
Midway	150.00
Murphy's Chapel	50.00
New Chapel	150.00
New Pleasant Grove	150.00
Piney Grove	150.00
Plummers Chapel	150.00
Scotts Chapel	100.00
Shady Grove	150.00
Solitude	150.00
White's Creek	<u>100.00</u>
	\$ 1,700.00

State Associational Dues

Adamsville	\$ 60.00
Meek's Grove	60.00
New Chapel	60.00
New Pleasant Grove	60.00
Piney Grove	60.00
Scotts Chapel	60.00
Shady Grove	60.00
Solitude	60.00
White's Creek	<u>60.00</u>
	\$ 540.00

Ministers' Tithes

Rev. Paul Childers	\$ 130.00
Rev. Vernon Gober	200.00
Rev. Keith Montgomery	200.00
Rev. Dalton Skaggs	<u>400.00</u>
	\$ 930.00

Other Income

Associational & Quarterly Offerings	\$ 3,175.00
Interest Income	<u>233.60</u>
	\$ 3,408.60

Total Received 2000-2001	\$ 16,019.95
Balance Forwarded 2000-2001	<u>12,054.86</u>
Total Received and Balance Forwarded	\$28,074.81

Expenses 2000-2001

Alabama Children's Home	\$ 6,308.20
Tennessee Children's Home	\$6,308.20
Rev. Dalton Skaggs (Associational Pastor)	\$2,400.00
Bro. Darrell West (Associational Clerk)	200.00
Rev. Keith Montgomery (Quarterly Clerk)	200.00
Bro. Alan R. Gober (Associational Sec. & Treasurer)	200.00
Tennessee State Association Dues	860.00
Tennessee State Association Contribution for National Association	200.00
Rev. Randy Flatt (Donation)	1,000.00
National Home Missions(Home General Fund)	1,000.00
National Home Missions(Foreign General Fund)	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 19,676.40

Balance Forwarded 2001-2002	\$ 8,398.41
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BUILDING FUND

Balance Forwarded 2000-2001	\$ 33,501.48
Interest Received	<u>1,335.92</u>
Balance Forwarded 2001-2002	\$ 34,837.40

Alan R. Gober, Secretary & Treasurer
9562 Highway 22 North, Milledgeville, Tn 38359

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Preached 24 sermons, held 1 funeral, married 1 couple, visited all churches in the association at least twice, some churches several times, miles traveled unknown, money received \$2,875.00

Rev. Dalton Skaggs

ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

1. A motion was made and carried asking all churches to collect special offerings for the Tn State Home Missions and the Tn State Foreign Missions. These offerings should be sent to the Tn River Association. The Tn River Association shall forward these funds to the Tn State Association as the Associations only contribution to these ministries.
2. Bro. Joe Hanback was nominated and elected to the Executive Committee.
3. Rev. Tim Hanback, Rev. John E. Banks and Rev. Carl Creasy were nominated and reelected to the Review Committee.
4. A motion was made and carried to change item #27 in the bylaws to read Executive Committee in place of Resolution Committee.
5. Bro. Charles Moore was nominated and reelected to the Board of Trustees.
6. A motion was made and carried instructing the Associational Clerk to include term expirations and election instructions under the heading of each committee in minutes.
7. Rev. Dalton Skaggs was nominated and reelected as the Associational Pastor.
8. Piney Grove Church was selected, as the host church for the 2002 associational meetings, by ballot of the association.
9. Rev. Vernon Gober, Bro. Alan Gober and Bro. Jimmy Shields were designated as delegates to the Tn State Associational meetings.
10. After discussion, a motion was made and carried to sell the Rayborn Chapel Church building.
11. A motion was made and carried instructing the Board of Trustees to exercise their discretion as to the best method of selling the Rayborn Chapel property.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Led by Bro. Joe Hanback
Special Singing by Rev. Greg Eaton, Bro. Alan Gober
Prayer by Bro. Paul Weaver
Message by Rev. V.H. Gean
Scripture .. Mat 4:1-16, 16:13-21, John 1:1-24, Gen 1:1-5, Rev 21:1-22, 1Cor 15:34-58
Subject Those in Darkness Saw a Great Light

A plaque was presented to Rev. V.H. Gean in appreciation of his 61 years of service to the Lord, preaching the gospel and his esteemed service in the Tn River Association.

Dismissed by Rev. Carlos Hughes

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 PM

Song Led by Bro. Alan Gober
Scripture Read by Rev. Junior Overstreet
Scripture Psalms 27
Dismissed by Rev. Jeremy Holt

**MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY SESSION
HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION
NEW PLEASANT GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 15, 2001**

Bro. Jimmy Shields called the meeting to order and called for the reading of the minutes from previous meeting. Minutes read and approved. Bro. Jimmy read a letter from Piney Grove requesting that Jeremy Holt, Junior Overstreet, and Marcus Morrow be ordained. After the questioning of the candidates, Bro. Jimmy read the qualifications and had the presbytery to lay hands on each one. Bro. Jimmy read a letter stating that Meeks Grove had placed Jerry Whitten under watch care of the church for the office of deacon. Each minister gave reports and cards were granted. Discussion arose about Bro. Benton Brown not being a member of a church in the Tennessee River Association and if he needed to turn in his card or not. After lengthy discussion, Bro. Brown presented his card and stated that he would join a church before the next meeting. Motion made to adjourn seconded. Motion carried.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. Chad Balentine, pastored Phillips Chapel Church, preached 140 sermons, held 2 revivals, assisted in 3 revivals, married 2 couples, held 2 funerals, witnessed 5 professions, 8 rededications, baptized 23, money received \$3,900.00. Card granted.

Rev. John E. Banks, pastored Collinwood Free Will Baptist Church, assisted in 1 revival, 1 weekend revival, married 2 couples, held 9 funerals, money received \$5,219.00. Card granted.

Rev. James L. Carrington, preached 104 sermons, pastored 2 churches each for part of year, held 3 revivals, witnessed 7 professions, baptized 6, added 3 to church, held 3 funerals, miles traveled 10,000.

Rev. Paul Childers, pastored New Chapel Church, 1 conference, witnessed 3 professions, baptized 8, 3 communion & feet washing services, 1 funeral, received 8 into the church, dedicated 1 baby, Money received \$5,200. Card granted.

Rev. Carl Creasy, pastored Murphy's Chapel Church, conducted 1 communion service, assisted in 1 revival, conducted 3 funerals, added 5 to the church, baptized 1, assisted in 2 baptisms, money received \$5,450. Card granted.

Rev. Greg Eaton, pastored Adamsville Church, witnessed 2 professions, added 2 to church, assisted in 1 revival, baptized 3, held 1 funeral, married 1 couple, money received \$8,250.00. Card granted.

Rev. James Flatt, absent, no report. Card granted.

Rev. V. H. Gean, Gave oral report. Has lifetime card.

Rev. Vernon Gober, Attended and preached at the State Association in Nashville, TN. Served on the Greenville Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Board of Directors. Pastor Plummer's Chapel since January 21, 2001. Held 1 communion service, 1 conference, assisted in 2 revivals, held 2 funerals, witnessed 2 professions. Money received \$2,313.00. Miles traveled 9,850. Has lifetime card.

Rev. Tim Hanback, preached 180 sermons, pastored 1 church, held 6 revivals, witnessed 9 professions, baptized 3, held 5 funerals, married 2 couples, money received \$11,4 Card granted.

Rev. Jeremy Holt, visited several churches, witnessed 19 professions, assisted in 1 baptisms, baptized 3, married 2 couples, assisted in 5 revivals, held 2 revivals.

Rev. Carlos Hughes, preached 65 sermons, pastored 1 church, assisted 1 revival, conducted 1 communion and feet washing service, held 1 funeral, miles traveled 6,000. Card granted.

Rev. Charles Linam, pastored Meeks Grove Church, held 1 revival, married 2 couples, assisted in 1 revival, conducted 4 funerals, baptized 2, held 4 communion services. Card granted.

Rev. Keith Montgomery, pastored 1 church, preached 111 sermons, held 2 revivals, assisted in 2 revivals, witnessed 9 professions, baptized 9, added 8 to church, held 3 funerals, married 1 couple, traveled 3,108 miles, money received \$7,600.00. Card granted.

Rev. Virgil Moore, Gave oral report. Has lifetime card.

Rev. Marcus Morrow, preached 66 sermons, miles traveled 2,541, assisted in 8 revivals, money received \$2,845.00.

Rev. Marvin Morrow, pastored 1 church until June 24th, held 12 revivals, held 2 funerals, married 1 couple, miles traveled 10,364, money received \$8,500.00. Card granted.

Rev. Junior Overstreet, preached 80 sermons, witnessed 1 profession, baptized 2, miles traveled 4,500, money received \$3,022.00.

Rev. Earl Rich, pastored Mill Rock Church, baptized 1, assisted in 1 revival, married 1 couple, conducted 4 communion services, held 4 conferences, money received approx. \$7,000.00. Card granted.

Rev. Jimmy Shields, pastored New Pleasant Grove Church, held 3 communion service, witnessed 1 profession, baptized 1, received 6 into church, held 1 revival at church, held 1 conference. Money received \$7,250.00. Card granted.

Rev. Dalton Skaggs, gave report as associational pastor. Card granted.

Rev. Edward Smith, Gave oral report. Has lifetime card.

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

6:30 PM

Song Led by	Rev. Jimmy Shields
Prayer by	Rev. John E. Banks
Special singing by	Sis. Amber Campbell, Bro. Alan Gober, The Childers Family, Sis. Joan Shields
1 st Message by	Rev. Jeremy Holt
Scripture	John 15:1-27
Subject	Where is Our Joy? Where is Our Love?
2 nd Message by	Rev. Paul Childers
Scripture	Exodus 18:1-12
Subject	What is Our Public Image
Dismissed by	Bro. Lem Hanback

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the committee of Resolution of Thanks, wish to thank God for allowing us to meet in love and fellowship.

We wish to thank New Pleasant Grove Church and all the surrounding churches for the wonderful hospitality, friendliness and kindness shown to the entire Association.

We feel that everyone will be greatly enriched in their hearts as we walk with the Lord in our daily lives.

May God bless and keep each of us until we meet again in the next Associational meeting.

Sis. Bridgett Lee, Chairperson

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

Song Led by	Rev. Jimmy Shields
Prayer by	Bro. Monroe Hubbard
Offering for Children's Home Taken by	Sis. Joan Shields
1 st Message by	Rev. Dalton Skaggs
Scripture	Matthew 7:1-2, 1 Timothy 3:1-5, Psalm 67
Subject	Doing our Best for God
2 nd Message by	Rev. Marvin Morrow
Scripture	1 Samuel 7:1-3
Subject	Prepare your Hearts unto God
Dismissed	Bro. Alan Gober

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
CONVENED WITH PLUMMERS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
October 27 & 28 2000

Friday Evening Session
no minutes

Saturday Morning Session
no minutes

Saturday Afternoon Session
no minutes

Presbytery Session

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Re. Jimmy Shields. There were 9 churches, 11 ordained ministers, 2 licensed ministers, 4 deacons, 3 deacons under the watch of the church present. The ministers present were; Marvin Morrow, Jimmy Shields, Benton Brown, Greg Eaton, Dalton Skaggs, Charles Linam, Paul Childers, Earl Rich, Vernon Gober, Edward Smith, and Carl Creasy.

Minutes were read from the previous session and approved. Under old business, discussion on how the association could help and utilize the licensed ministers was lengthy. It was decided that each pastor that wanted to use them could contact them and set-up a date when they could serve as an understudy for a period of time. A letter was read asking the presbytery to ordain L.D. Irvin, Billy Pinson, and Charles Copeland.

After the presbytery met with the three candidates they were ordained. Bro. Shields explained the duties of the executive committee. The program committee for the next quarterly meeting was appointed. Motion was made to adjourn.

Saturday Evening Service
no minutes

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
CONVENED WITH SCOTTS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 29 & 30 2000**

Friday Evening Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Chuck Holt, and prayer led by Bro. Jimmy McGee.

The first message was delivered by Bro. Chad Balentine reading from Colossians 3:17 with the title "Oh no". The second message was delivered by Bro. Jeremy Holt reading from Ephesians 6:5-17 with the title "Unity in Warfare". Dismissed by Bro. Parker Holt.

Saturday Morning Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Carl Harper and prayer led by Bro. Marvin Morrow. Bro. Jimmy Shields welcomed everyone to the service. The first message was delivered by Bro. Junior Overstreet reading from Genesis 22:1-13 entitled "Faith". The second message was delivered by Bro. Vernon Gober reading from Matthew 13:3-9. Dismissed by Bro. Charles Linam.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Service began with singing led by Leyonne Harper. The message was delivered by Bro. Marcus Morrow reading from Romans 13:11-14 entitled "Wake up Stand up".

Presbytery Session

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Jimmy Shields. There were 9 churches, 10 ordained ministers, 2 licensed ministers, and 4 deacons. The ordained ministers present were; Marvin Morrow, Jimmy Shields, Benton Brown, Charles Linam, Paul Childers, Earl Rich, Vernon Gober, Tim Hanback, Virgil Gean, and Keith Montgomery. The licensed ministers present were Marcus Morrow and Junior Overstreet.

Minutes were read from the previous session and approved. Bro. Vernon Gober gave a report from the state association meeting. After no other business was discussed the meeting was adjourned. Dismissed by Bro. Virgil Gean.

Saturday Evening Service

no minutes

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
CONVENED WITH PINEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
APRIL 27 & 28 2001**

Friday Evening Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Keith Montgomery. The first message was delivered by Bro. John E. Banks with the title "The Blood". The second message delivered by Bro. Earl Rich, reading from John 10 with the title "To Glorify Christ". Dismissed by Bro. Parker Holt.

Saturday Morning Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Keith Montgomery and prayer led by Bro. Marvin Morrow. Bro. Jimmy Shields welcomed everyone to the service. The first message was delivered by Bro. Chad Balentine reading from Proverbs 11:1&2 entitled "Pride hinders the Church". The second message was delivered by Bro. Jimmy Shields reading from John 18:15-27 entitled "The three denials of Christ. Dismissed by Bro. Charles Linam.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Keith Montgomery. The message was delivered by Bro. Charles Thigpen reading from Galatians 1:6-9 entitled "How to correct false doctrines".

Presbytery Session

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Bro. Jimmy Shields. There were 8 churches, 9 ordained ministers, 4 deacons. The ordained ministers present were; Jimmy Shields, Charles Linam, Paul Childers, Carlos Hughes, Dalton Skaggs, Edward Smith, Chad Balentine, Greg Eaton and Keith Montgomery. The ordained deacons that were present were Joe Hanback, J.W. Stooksberry, Steve Holcomb, and Robert D. Wright. Minutes were read from the previous session and approved. J.W. Stooksberry mentioned a correction to be made in the minutes listing Charles Linam should have been listed as being a member of the Executive Committee. Paul Childers requested in Danny Brown's absence that if no one applied for the scholarship to the Bible College then consider granting it to Brandon Stutts. After much discussion it was decided due to the guidelines set up for the scholarship it could not be awarded at the present time. Motion made to table until the association. Motion was made to give \$1000.00 immediate aid to Bro. James Flatt. Motion Carried. The moderator reminded everyone that at the next quarterly meeting officers would be elected and the Quarterly meetings for the next year would be decided. Program committee was selected and motion made to adjourn.

Saturday Evening Service

Service began with singing led by Brandon Shields. Bro. Jimmy Shields welcomed everyone to the service. Brandon Shields read devotion from II Kings 22:1-2 and received the children's home offering. After a skit and singing by the youth Bro. Andy Sherrill brought the message entitled "How to get motivated to serve God". Dismissed

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
CONVENED WITH NEW PLEASANT GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY 27 & 28 2001**

Friday Evening Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Sonny Southerland. The first message was delivered by Bro. Marcus Morrow reading from John 6:66-68 with the subject "The word of God". The second message delivered by Bro. Earl Rich, reading from John 6:1-16 with the subject "The Lord knows what he is doing". Dismissed by Bro. Edward Smith.

Saturday Morning Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Jimmy Shields and prayer led by Bro. Allen Gober. Bro. Jimmy Shields welcomed everyone to the service. The first message was delivered by Bro. Vernon Gober reading from Collosians2:1-3 entitled "Wisdom and Knowledge". The second message was delivered by Bro. Charles Linam reading from Acts 23:1-15 entitled "Does your walk match your talk".

Saturday Afternoon Session

Service began with singing led by Bro. Sonny Southerland and prayer led by Bro. Odel Franks. The message was delivered by Bro. Carlos Hughes reading from Haggai 1:3-4 entitled "Consider your ways".

Presbytery Session

The meeting was called to order by the moderator Bro. Jimmy Shields with reading from the 100th Psalm. There were 12 churches represented, 9 ordained ministers, 1 visiting minister, 7 ordained deacons. Minutes were read from the previous session and approved. Under new business Bro. Charles Linam read recommendations from the executive committee. The executive committee recommended sending \$200.00 to the state association to assist in the funding for the National association which will be held in Memphis, Motion made and carried. Bro. Gober asked the presbytery to consider starting the association meeting on Thursday night and concluding on Saturday night, no move was made. The executive committee also suggested that the property and building that made up the Rayborn church to be sold under sealed bid in a certain time. After much discussion Bro. Gober made suggestion to talk to former members of the church to see if there was any interest in having church there again. Motion made and carried to have executive committee go into the community. The executive committee suggested adding W.C. Jones' name to list of deceased ministers. Motion made and carried. Moderator read a letter from New Chapel stating that Steven Lee had been placed under the watch care of the church for the office of deacon. Moderator also read a letter from Solitude stating that Bro. James Carrington, their new pastor, had joined the church and requested membership into the presbytery. Bro. Vernon Gober read bylaws regarding the fact and motion made and carried to grant him a card.

Moderator opened floor for nominations for the quarterly meeting presbytery officers.

Bro. Billy Pinson was elected to the office of clerk, Bro. Gary Gober was elected to the office of assistant moderator, and Bro. Jimmy Shields was retained as moderator by acclamation. Presbytery suggested that each ordained minister and deacon obtain a copy of Robert's Rules of order. Bro. Keith Montgomery to order these and have available at Association. The quarterly meetings were placed for the following year. Motion made to adjourn.

**Saturday Evening Service
no minutes**

Associational Table

	By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Withdrawn	Deceased	Membership	Sunday School	Avg. Attendance	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Church Value	Amount Paid Pastor	Pastoral Help	Home Missions	Minute Fund	Children's Homes	Meeting Days
Adamsville	3							70	70	44	3	4		125,000.00	8,250.00	370.00	150.00	50.00	600.00	
Bumpus Creek							3	113	30	30	1	1		45,000.00	1,100.00	950.00	150.00	50.00		
Meeks Grove	4				1		3	152	51	51	2	2		150,000.00		600.00	100.00	50.00	500.00	
Midway	2			2	6		3	95	40	35	2			110,000.00	9,020.00	1,190.00	150.00	50.00	200.00	Sunday and Sunday Night & Wed. Night
Murphy's Chapel	2	2	1					50	36	31		2		130,000.00	5,450.00	400.00	50.00	25.00	120.00	
New Chapel	5	2	1					104	35	51	1	1		155,000.00	5,200.00	1,175.00	150.00	50.00	1,143.00	Sunday and Sunday Night & Wed. Night
New Pleasant Grove	1	1	4					44	30	45		1		125,000.00	7,250.00	475.00	150.00	50.00		
Piney Grove	8	4	3		1		1	227	133	103	4	6		125,000.00	7,825.00	1,775.00	150.00	50.00	4,262.00	Sunday and Sunday Night & Wed. Night
Plummer's Chapel					5	2		25	30	30	2			100,000.00	4,100.00	500.00	150.00	25.00	559.67	
Scotts Chapel	4	2	4		3		2	155	135	112	5	1		125,000.00	9,100.00	1,408.00	100.00	50.00	5,031.35	Sunday and Sunday Night & Wed. Night
Shady Grove								25	25	27	1	1		25,000.00		600.00	150.00	50.00	300.00	Sunday and Sunday Night
Solitude	5	2	3				2	75	110	91	4	2		195,000.00	14,120.00	3,625.00	150.00	25.00		Sunday and Sunday Night & Wed. Night
Whites Creek				1			2	101	70	39	1			65,000.00	4,350.00	250.00	100.00	50.00	319.00	
Totals	34	13	15	4	16	2	16	1,236	795	689	26	21		1,475,000.00	75,765.00	13,310.00	1,700.00	575.00	13,035.02	

THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The association shall be called the Tennessee River Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be consistent, well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall unite in this compact, and agree to this constitution.

Article 2. The acting members of the association shall be such as are chosen by several churches of which the association is composed, to represent them in this association, every church being entitled to one delegate, every church containing fifty members to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members.

Article 3. The officers of this body shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a treasurer, corresponding and recording secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said office.

Article 4. Any regular organized Free Will Baptist church, maintaining gospel order agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprise, as Sunday schools, missions, temperance and education may be received into their association on application, by the vote of the association to which such application is made or referred.

Article 5. This association shall have power to discipline its churches for unchristian conduct, a want of conformity to gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of the compact, and expel them in case of unsuccessful labor; to license and ordain ministers such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of churches to which such persons belong; to settle questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to them and transact such other business as may be necessary for the benefit of religion, consistent with liberty and independence of the churches, according to the usage of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and not repugnant to the regulations of the yearly meeting with which this association may be connected; and to make bylaws necessary to its regulations, not repugnant to this constitution.

Article 6. The session of this association shall be on Friday before the third Sunday in September when it shall be the duty of all churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter or delegate.

Article 7. This association shall use a treatise of the faith and practices of Free Will Baptists from the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of any session of this association, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing at the next previous session or association.

BYLAWS

1. The clerk and assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years, should call the association into conference, and if a quorum is present, the moderator, or in his absence, the assistant moderator, shall take charge, and if neither of them is present the senior member in years shall act as moderator.

2. All persons declared by a committee on credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this association are hereby made constituted members of this body and authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of constitution and bylaws under which this association is organized.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this association to send a letter to the annual session of the association, reporting to the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any body which belongs to this association, which fails to report for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and by prayer, and shall be closed by prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present, a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

6. This association may correspond by messengers or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. The association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee providing the person being nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. The "yes" and "Nays" may be taken on any question by request of one fifth of the members present.

14. No member of this association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

15. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

16. These bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

17. Any minister who fails to get his report before the presbytery for two consecutive years, his name shall be dropped from the minutes.

18. The Associational Pastor shall be elected each year, and be paid from the Home Mission Fund as the Home Mission Board sees fit. He shall fill in where needed, look for places to organize new churches, and assist with other ministers in mission work.

19. Any man believing he is called of God to preach should notify the church of which he is a member. The church by approval of its membership should bring this request before the presbytery.

20. All candidates for ordination and those to be licensed for a minister will be examined by council. If approved, licenses shall be for a period of one year. The examination for license or ordination should refer to the piety and doctrine, conviction and purpose, respecting work for the ministry, reputation of character, and ability of the candidate.

21. Any ordained minister coming from other Free Will Baptist Associations who desire to unite with this association, should first join a church in this association, then be examined by the presbytery. If he brings a good recommendation from the association of which he is a member, believes and practices Free Will Baptist doctrine, he be granted a card.

22. Any minister coming from a body other than Free Will Baptist, should join a church in this association and remain a member for one year. If at that time the church so desires, he be examined to be licensed for one year.

23. Any man desiring the office of deacon and qualifying according to the scriptures should be appointed to the watch care of their church for one year, and notify the association of such an appointing. At the end of one year, they will be examined by council for ordination.

24. All ministers and deacons shall be given a certificate of ordination when ordained. When leaving the association, they shall be given a letter at their request stating their standing with the association at the time of departure. Upon resignation or leaving the denomination, they shall turn in their credentials.

25. All members shall abstain from strong drink, beer, whiskey or any drug harmful to the body. They shall support the Free Will Baptist doctrine and practice its ordinances.

26. All members shall support the association. If any church calls a pastor not in a Free Will Baptist presbytery, his name shall not appear in the minutes. All churches shall send its letter to the association on Friday after being approved by its membership.

27. Any church having a problem that cannot be worked out should contact the chairman of the Executive Committee. If necessary, a called session of the presbytery shall be held at the church.

28. An ordained minister shall be eligible to receive a lifetime card from this association provided that he has served the association in this capacity for a period of at least thirty (30) years continuous, or if he should become unable to carry the gospel because of a physical condition.

29. All ordained ministers eligible to receive a lifetime card shall be subject to an annual review as to their conduct as a member of the presbytery. If such conduct is not found in good standing by the committee and the full presbytery, the card shall be null and void.

30. The annual review of lifetime cards shall be conducted by a committee of three (3) ordained ministers in a manner as they shall see fit. The committee shall be nominated from the floor and members shall be eligible to serve no more than two (2) years consecutively. At least two of the three committee members shall have served fifteen (15) years or more consecutively in this body, and no more than one (1) committee members shall be eligible to receive a lifetime card.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible - The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God - There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as a Creator, Preserver, and righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ - Christ is manifest in the flesh, in His divine nature truly God, His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man; once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present Saviour.

4. The Holy Spirit - The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God - God exercised wise and benevolent providence over all beings by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man - Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ - The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection affected for all redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation - The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance, or sincere sorrow for sin, and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with the purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance of faith and obedience until death.

9. Election - God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of Will - The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free - God desires the salvation of all, the gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance - All believers in Christ, who through grace preserve in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances - Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper or ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel; feet washing is an ordinance teaching humility or universal obligation, and they be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath - the divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.

15. Resurrection, Judgement and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men, at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation, then the wicked will "go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal live."

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

- 1 - Call church to order.
- 2 - Call for peace of church.
- 3 - Invite visiting brethren and sisters to take seats with us.
- 4 - An opportunity to reception of members.
- 5 - Reading minutes of previous conferences.
- 6 - Call for unfinished business.
- 7 - Call for new business.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His Grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We will agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of ordinances of the gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FORM LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This certifies that _____ is a regular member of the Free Will Baptist church _____, in good standing as such. We recommend _____ to the fellowship of God's people, and when we are informed that _____, has united with some other evangelical church, we shall consider _____, regularly dismissed from this church. In behalf of the Free Will Baptist church at _____.

_____, Pastor
_____, Clerk

QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION

1. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist?
2. Give a short account of your calling.
3. Do you meet the qualifications of First Timothy 3:1-7?
4. Have you or your wife ever been divorced?
5. What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, drugs or worldly amusement?
6. Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible word of God and it is the only rule of faith and practice?
7. Explain your view on Baptism.
8. What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?
9. Should feet washing be observed? Explain.
10. What do you believe about apostasy and the perseverance of the believer?
11. What are the duties of your calling?
12. What is the mission of the Church in light of Matt. 28:19-20?

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

1. One \$500.00 scholarship will be granted each year, with everyone required to reapply every year.
2. All applicants must either be a member of the Tennessee River Association or with the Children's Home that the Association supports.
3. The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need and grade average.
4. The applicant must pursue a study in a religious field.
5. The Freewill Baptist Bible College will make the final decision in the case of more than one applicant.
6. The deadline to apply is January 1 for the following fall semester.
7. The scholarship will apply to the Freewill Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN only.

FORM OF RECEIVING MEMBERS IN CHURCH

In as much as you present yourself for admission into the church of the Free Will Baptist in Christ, we rejoice with you that through the grace of God you have been brought to a knowledge of the truth and have been made partakers of the great salvation. The privileges you seek are above price and the duties enjoined are so solemn, it is proper, that you publicly confess your faith and vow your purpose by answering the following questions:

1. Q. Did you find yourself a sinner in the sight of God?
A. I did.
2. Q. And you now believe that God has for Christ's sake pardoned and forgiven all your sins?
A. I do.
3. Q. And your desire is to become a member of the Free Will Baptist at this place?
A. Yes, Sir.
4. Q. Are you willing to be governed by our church rules?
A. Yes, Sir.
5. Q. Are you willing to contribute to the support of the gospel as God prospers you?
A. I am.
6. Q. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and do you accept Him as your personal Saviour?
A. I do.
7. Q. Do you believe the whole Bible is infallibly true, and are you willing to take the authorized King James Version, as your guide, to live by?
A. Yes, Sir.
8. Q. Do you believe in free and open communion? Let a man examine himself according to I Corinthians 11:28. Also in washing of the saints' feet, according to St. John 13?
A. I do.
9. Q. Have you been baptized by immersion, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to St. Matthew 28:19?

A. _____

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, at _____
send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing the Tennessee River Association,
when convened with _____ Church.
We send our beloved to wit _____

to set with you in your deliberations and to help transact any legal business that may come
before your body. The statistics of our church are as follows:

Received by profession of faith and baptism _____
by letter _____
by experience _____
restored by confession _____
dismissed by letter _____
withdrawn _____
expelled _____
dead _____
total membership _____
number of students enrolled in Sunday school _____
average attendance _____
number of deacons _____
number ordained ministers _____
number of licensed ministers _____

We have elected Rev. _____

Address _____

to pastor our church for the ensuing year.

Valuation of church house and property \$ _____

Contribution paid pastor \$ _____

Pastoral help \$ _____

Given to home missions \$ _____

Minute fund \$ _____

Moderator _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

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